GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Service - Revenue Department - Departmental proceedings against Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar, Chodavaram Mandal, Anakapalli District - Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of Charges - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 1458 Dated: 25-11-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Vijayawada with letter Rc.No.46/RCT-WVP/2021-S.11, Dt:06.08.2021.
2. From the DG, ACB, Vijayawada with letter Rc.No.46/RCT-WVP/2021-S.11, Dt:10.10.2023.
3. From the DG, ACB, Vijayawada with letter Rc.No.46/RCT-WVP/2021-S.11, Dt:14.05.2024.
4. From the DG, ACB, Vijayawada with letter Rc.No.46/RCT-WVP/2021-S.11, Dt:23.09.2025.
5. G.O.Ms.No.440, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dated:25.11.2025.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar, Chodavaram Mandal, Anakapalli District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 for committing irregularities noticed by the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau and was trapped on 01.07.2021.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of Charges (Annexure.I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the Articles of Charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures. II, III & IV).

3. Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar, Chodavaram Mandal, Anakapalli District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar, Chodavaram Mandal, Anakapalli District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

(P.T.O)

5. Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar, Chodavaram Mandal, Anakapalli District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the time specified in Para 3 above or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule-20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the Inquiring Authority may hold inquiry against him ex-parte. Further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar, Chodavaram Mandal, Anakapalli District is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his/her interests in respect of matters pertaining to his/her service under the Government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar, Chodavaram Mandal, Anakapalli District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the Memorandum be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar, Chodavaram Mandal, Anakapalli District
through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
Copy to:
The District Collector, Anakapalli.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE –I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI BOMMAREDDY RAVI KUMAR S/O (LATE) ANANTHA REDDY, 50 YEARS, TAHSILDAR, CHODAVARAM, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT.

That Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar S/o (Late) Anantha Reddy, 50 years, worked as Tahsildar, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam District (herein after referred as Government Servant), while functioning as such during the period between 01.09.2018 to 01.07.2021 (till date of trap) committed grave misconduct in as much as:

ARTICLES OF CHARGE –I

That the Government Servant, Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District in abuse of his official position demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.4,50,000/- from the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna through Sri Kandregula Ramesh, as an undue advantage to perform or cause performance of public duty i.e. of mutation of land to an extent of Ac 1.65 Cents in Sy.No.113 at Rayapurajupeta Village, Chodavaram Mandal in the name of Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy and as a reward for the already processed file with regard to the conversion of agricultural land for an extent of Ac.0.41 cents in Survey No.354-2A belongs to complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna and by him above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty failed to maintain integrity behaved in a manner unbecoming of a government servant and brought down the prestige of the government.

ARTICLES OF CHARGE –II

That the Government Servant, Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District failed to perform his legitimate official duties in processing the web-land mutation applications dtd.08.10.2020 & 01.05.2021 applied by Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy. The Government Servant did process the above mutation application and simply rejected the above applications without remarks. On verification of 3rd application dated 28.06.2021 applied by Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy, the Government Servant still kept pending the above application without any process till the day of trap.

Thus, Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar S/o (Late) Anantha Reddy, 50 Years, Tahsildar, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government Servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and there by violated / contravened Rule 3 (1) &(2) of APCS (conduct) Rules, 1964.

G JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI BOMMAREDDY RAVI KUMAR S/O (LATE) ANANTHA REDDY, 50 YEARS, TAHSILDAR, CHODAVARAM, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT.

Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar S/o (Late) Anantha Reddy, 50 years, Tahsildar, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam Districtis a native of Guntur District. His date of birth is 13.06.1970. He entered into Government service on 09.04.1996 as a Typist at Secretariat, AP and worked as such from 09.04.1996 to 03.05.2002. He promoted as Assistant Section Officer on 06.05.2002 and worked at Environment Forest & Technology Dept., A.P., Secretariat, Hyderabad from 06.05.2002 to 01.02.2007. Later he worked as ASO at Revenue Department, A.P., Secretariat, Hyderabad from 01.02.2007 to 01.05.2011. Later he worked as AMRI, Shamshabad Mandal, Rangareddy District from 01.05.2011 to 31.05.2013. Later he promoted as Section Officer on 31.05.2013 and worked as such in Revenue Department, A.P., Secretariat, Hyderabad from 31.05.2013 to 16.08.2016. He worked as Section Officer, Revenue Department from 17.10.2016 to 31.12.2016. Later he worked as Tahsildar, Atchuthapuram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District from 16.01.2017 to 31.08.2018 on deputation. Later he worked as Tahsildar, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District from 01.09.2018 to 01.07.2021 on deputation. He is drawing a pay scale of Rs.42,490/- to Rs.93,780/-. His basic pay is Rs.48,600/-. He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.06.2032. He is hereinafter referred to as Government Servant (G.S).

ARTICLE OF CHARGE-I:

That the Government Servant, Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District in abuse of his official position demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.4,50,000/- from the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna through Sri Kandregula Ramesh, as an undue advantage to perform or cause performance of public duty i.e. of mutation of land to an extent of Ac 1.65 Cents in Sy.No.113 at Rayapurajupeta Village, Chodavaram Mandal in the name of Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy and as a reward for the already processed file with regard to the conversion of agricultural land for an extent of Ac.0.41 cents in Survey No.354-2A belongs to complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna and by him above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty failed to maintain integrity behaved in a manner unbecoming of a government servant and brought down the prestige of the Government.

Facts in Evidence:

That on 30.06.2021 at 18:30 hrs, the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna S/o Chandru Naidu, Tiles Business R/o Gandhigramam, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam came to the O/o the DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam and gave his statement by stating that, on 04.06.2019 he along with his brother Butchibabu entered into an agreement with one Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy, S/o Chinna Rao to purchase an agricultural land to an extent of Ac.1.65 cents situated in

Sy.No.113 of Narasapuram Village, Chodavaram Mandal. Since the said land is not mutated online in the name of Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy, the said land could not be registered in his name. So, he asked Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy, to get the land mutated online. Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy informed him that he applied for mutation several times but all his applications were rejected. On that he told Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy that they both would go and discuss with the Government Servant. On 27.06.2021 he and Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy went to the Tahsildar Office, Chodavaram and met the Government Servant and requested him to do mutation of said land in the name of Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy. Then the Government Servant asked Ramana Murthy to wait outside and then the Government Servant informed the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna that Rs.10,00,000/- has to be paid for the online mutation of the land of Ramanamurthy. When he requested the Government Servant to reduce the amount, the Government Servant informed him that, only if he pays Rs.4,00,000/- as bribe, his work will be completed. Then he expressed his inability and requested to reduce the bribe, but the Government Servant denied his request. The Government Servant informed him that only if he pays Rs.4,00,000/- as bribe, his work will be completed. As he is not willing to pay the bribe amount, he left from the room of Tahsildar by saying that he would come later. Later, on the same day, he met Sri M. Raja, Dy. Tahsildar and enquired about his pending application submitted for conversion of his land of Ac.0.41 cents in Sy.No.354/2A. Then Sri M. Raja, Dy. Tahsildar informed him that the file was forwarded to RDO after approval of the Government Servant and demanded him to pay bribe of Rs.1,00,000/-, for moving the file further. Then he expressed his inability to pay that amount, and requested Sri M.Raja, Dy.Tahsildar to reduce it to Rs.50,000/- to do his work, but Sri M.Raja, Dy.Tahsildar did not oblige his request. As he is not willing to pay the bribe amount to D.T., Sri M.Raja, he left from that place by saying that he would come later. Later, on 28.06.2021 Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy again applied for mutation of the said land online, and requested him to look after his work as he is unable to go around the MRO office, Chodavaram and handed over all the documents to him, as he is in Chodavaram. He agreed and on 29.06.2021 he went again to MRO Office, Chodavaram to request the Government Servant for the land mutation work of Ramanamurthy, and he noticed D.T, Sri M.Raja present along with the Government Servant in chamber of the Government Servant. Then he again asked Sri M.Raja, Dy.Tahsildar about his conversion file regarding his land to an extent of Ac.0.41 cents in Sy.No.354/2A, on that Sri M.Raja, Dy.Tahsildar informed the Government Servant that, he demanded Rs.1,00,000/- from the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna, but the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna wants to give only Rs.50,000/-. Then the Government Servant informed him to give the demanded amount and both the Government Servant and Sri M.Raja, Dy.Tahsildar informed him to his work would get stopped, if he doesn't pay the amount. As there is no other go, he agreed to pay Rs.50,000/- in the presence of the Government Servant. Further the Government Servant and Sri M.Raja, Dy.Tahsildar asked him to give Rs.5,000/- as bribe to one Leela, clerk in RDO office to get his work completed. When he enquired the Government Servant about mutation of Ramana Murthy's land, the Government Servant questioned him as to why he is repeatedly asking about that issue and told him to do whatever he said earlier. The Government Servant also told him that the land was purchased with huge amount and threatened that the Income Tax Department would lay penalty. The

Government Servant again questioned him as to why he is again talking about the issue as he already accepted to give 4 lakhs and asked him to show his phone and also the Government Servant further threatened that he would forward the documents to the Income Tax Department. Then again he requested the Government Servant to reduce the bribe amount and finally the Government Servant agreed to accept Rs.4,00,000/-. The Government Servant informed him not to make any phone call and further informed him that he would either come to his shop on 01-07-2021 and collect the bribe or inform him where he has to pay the bribe. Again on 30.6.2021 at about 12:00 hrs, he went to the Government Servant and handed over the copy of Aadhar card of Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy, then the Government Servant again asked him about the money. When he stated that he is getting it ready, then the Government Servant informed him that he would either come to his shop on 01-07-2021 afternoon to collect the bribe or inform him where he has to pay the bribe. As there is no other go, he unwillingly agreed to pay bribe of Rs.4,00,000/- to the Government Servant. But he is not willing to pay bribe. He recorded the conversation, which is took place on 29-06-2021, between himself and the Government Servant and Sri M.Raja, Dy.Tahsildar in a memory card. He requested to take necessary action against the Government Servant and Sri M.Raja, Dy.Tahsildar who demanded bribe of Rs.4,00,000/- for mutation of land of Joga Ramana Murthy and Rs.50,000/- for conversion of his land (i.e., total bribe amount of Rs.4,50,000/-). He handed over the memory card containing the conversation took place between himself, the Government Servant and D.T. M.Raja along with the report.

That after observing all legal formalities, the DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam registered the statement as a case in Cr.No.07/RCT-ACB-VSP/2021 U/s 7 (a) & (b) of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 on 01.07.2021 at 06:00 hours and took up investigation.

On 01.07.2021, the DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam secured the presence of two respectable mediators viz. 1) Dadisetti Ramesh Kumar, S/o Late Satyam, Age 53 years, Head Master, ZPHS, J.Naidu Palem, Rolugunta Mandal, Visakhapatnam, 2) Ganagalla Garagayya, S/o Tavitayya, Age 45 years, S.G.T (Secondary Grade Teacher), MPPS, Mettapalem, Anakapalli Mandal, Visakhapatnam and secured the presence of the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna.

The DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam conducted pre-trap proceedings from 06:30 hours to 10:00 hours which was reduced into writing by the mediators as pre-trap proceedings incorporating the serial numbers of the currency notes, voice transcription, the demonstration of chemical tests and the instructions issued to the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna and the other members of the trap party.

On 01.07.2021 at about 13.05 hours, the Government Servant was successfully trapped by the ACB officials when he further demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.4,50,000/- through Sri K Ramesh, driver of the Government Servant from the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna for showing the above said official favour. The chemical test was conducted to the both hand fingers of Sri Kandregula Ramesh, who is private driver of the Government Servant. The both hand fingers of Sri Kandregula Ramesh yielded positive result. The

tainted currency notes were recovered at the instance of private driver Sri Kandregula Ramesh and he produced the wad of currency notes with him to the mediators. The serial numbers of the recovered currency notes were tallied with the serial numbers of currency notes mentioned in pre trap proceedings. The DSP seized the said tainted currency notes of Rs.4,50,000/- (Rs.2,000 x 225) along with the white colour cotton bag having names of "italus" i.e., on which the tainted currency kept and three sealed bottles containing the chemical washes. The DSP also seized a sample of Sodium Carbonate powder used in the chemical test under the cover of mediators report.

When the DSP questioned the Government Servant with regard to directing his driver Sri Kandregula Ramesh to the tiles shop of the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna at Gandhigramam, Chodavaram for collection of the demanded bribe of Rs.4.5 lakhs from the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna, the Government Servant stated that on 01.07.2021 at about 12:36 hours he has received a phone call from the mobile of Sri S.V.Ramakrishna. Immediately he told him that he will send his driver Sri Kandregula Ramesh to the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna. Accordingly he has deputed his driver Sri K.Ramesh to the tiles shop of the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna. After some time at about 13:03 hours and 13:04 hours, he received a phone call from the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna, who told him that he has paid Rs.4.5 lakhs to his driver Sri Kandregula Ramesh and he has orally acknowledged the same. When further questioned as to why he has demanded and accepted the bribe of Rs.4.5 lakhs through his driver, Sri Kandregula Ramesh, he stated that the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna has voluntarily offered Rs.50,000/- for the conversion file already processed by him, but, he did not give any explanation with regard to the remaining Rs.4 lakhs received by his driver Sri Kandregula Ramesh.

On the request of DSP, the Government Servant handed over the following official favour files.

1. Copy of mutation file of 1.65 acres land in Sy. Nos.113 of Narsapuram village applied by Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy vide application No.RMU012106944155, dated 28.06.2021 containing 1 to 23 sheets:

This file is containing Mutation and title deed cum e-seva passbook receipt, dt: 28.6.2021, application of J.V.Ramana Murthy vide RMU012106944155, Mutation and title deed cum e-seva passbook receipt, dt. 01.05.2021, application of J.V.Ramana Murthy vide RMU012106655667, Doc. No.389/2019 of SRO Sabbavaram, Doc.No.1573/2007 of SRO Madugula, Doc.No.1574/2007 of SRO Chodavaram.

When questioned the Government Servant and Sri M.Raja, Dy.Tahsildar to produce the original file given by the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna on 28.06.2021, they kept silent and did not produce the original file.

2) Original rejected mutation file of 1.65 acres land in Sy. Nos.113 of Narsapuram village applied by Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy vide application No.RMU012106655667, dated 01.05.2021 containing 1 to 23 sheets:

This file containing copy of Mutation and title deed cum e-seva passbook receipt, dt:01.05.2021, original application of J.V.Ramana Murthy vide RMU012106655667, Copy of Aadhar card of J.V.Ramana murthy, Doc.No.389/2019 of SRO Sabbavaram, Doc.No.1573/2007 of SRO Madugula, Doc.No.1574/2007 of SRO Chodavaram. On perusal of the file, no reasons were mentioned for rejection of the file.

3) Down loaded copies of mutation file of 1.65 acres land in Sy.Nos.113 of Narsapuram village previously applied by Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy Dated: 28.06.2021, 01.05.2021, 8.10.2020 containing 1 to 11 sheets.

On perusal of the files dated 01.05.2021 and 8.10.2020, no reasons were mentioned for rejection of the files. With regard to filed dated 28.06.2021, draft and form-8 notice were not generated.

4) Original file in respect of Ac.0.41 Cts land for conversion of Agricultural land to non-agricultural land applied by Sri S.Venkata Ramakrishna containing 1 to 32 sheets.

This file is containing receipt for intimation of payment for land conversion vide transaction id No.TANLCR012000132421 dt.30.09.2020, challana reference form, report of mandal surveyor to Tahsildar dt. 27.10.2020, Sec. 6(1) notices, SFA Copies of Narsayyapeta village, extracts of FMB, market value certificate, dt. 30.09.2020, adangal of Narsayyapeta, Field measurement sketches, Sub-Division statement, MRI report to Tahsildar, Tahsildar report to RDO vide Rc.No.65/2021,d t. 23.06.2021, Inspection report dt.23.06.2021, Land conversion check list dt.23.06.2021, adangal, scrutiny letter of Dy. Inspector of Survey, dt.16.06.2021.

5) Mutation & F-8 generated register for the year 2020: This register was maintained from 11.01.2020 to 06.11.2020. On verification, the application of Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy was entered on 08.10.2020 at Sl.No.128, 129, 130.

6) Mutation & F-8 generated register for the year 2021: This register was maintained from 01.01.2021 to 31.05.2021. On verification it is found that there are no entries from 01.05.2021 to 04.05.2021. The details of mutation application of Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy dated 01.05.2021 was not entered in this register. This register is not maintained up to date.

The DSP seized the above files/Registers 1 to 6 for the purpose of further investigation after duly signed by the Mediators and the DSP.

Then DSP secured the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna who was waiting at the outside of the office and asked him to narrate as to what had happened, after he left the trap party. On that, he stated that, after leaving the ACB office along with ACB staff and mediators they reached near Tahsildar Office, Chodavaram at 12:30 hours. The DSP asked him to call the Government Servant and ascertain his presence. Accordingly, he made a phone call to the Government Servant from his phone Number 9581401303 to the phone number of the Government Servant 7981752754 at 12:36 hours on 01.07.2021. On that, the Government Servant informed him to wait at his tiles shop situated at

Gandhigramam, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam, he will send his driver Ramesh to collect the demanded bribe amount. Then they left the Tahsildar Office at 12:40 hours and reached near Tiles shop of the Complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna at 12:45 hours. The DSP asked him to get down from the vehicle and reiterated the earlier instructions. The DSP also instructed him to wait at his tiles shop along with tainted amount of Rs.4,50,000/- for the arrival of Ramesh, driver of the Government Servant and pay the same to him on his further demand only. The DSP instructed him to give the pre-arranged signal, i.e., by removing his face mask indicating the demand and acceptance of the bribe amount by Sri Ramesh, driver of the Government Servant. The DSP also instructed Sri Sk.Gafoor, Inspector to follow him in a close proximity, receive the signal from him and relay the signal by raising his both hands to other members of the trap party. Then he proceeded to his tiles shop at about 12:50 hours, while he was present in the 2nd floor of his tiles shop, Sri Kandregula Ramesh, driver of the Government Servant came to his tiles shop about 12:55 hours and wished him. Sri Kandregula Ramesh, driver telephoned to the Government Servant from his phone and found phone of the Government Servant was busy. Later Sri Kandregula Ramesh received phone call from the Government Servant, then Sri Kandregula Ramesh (A-3) informed the Government Servant that he came to the tiles shop. On the instructions of the Government Servant, Sri Kandregula Ramesh gave his phone to him. The Government Servant instructed the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna to pay the money to his driver Sri Kandregula Ramesh over the phone of Sri Kandregula Ramesh. He agreed and gave the bribe amount of Rs.4,50,000/- to Sri Kandregula Ramesh. Sri Kandregula Ramesh received the money with his right hand and counting the same with his both hands. Then at about 13:03 hours and about 13:04 hours, the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna called the Government Servant over his phone and informed that he gave bribe amount of Rs.4,50,000/- to the driver Sri Kandregula Ramesh and the Government Servant orally acknowledged the same. The complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna recorded the voices of the phone calls made to the Government Servant at 12:36 hours, 13:03 hours and 13:04 hours through his mobile phone. While Sri Kandregula Ramesh was counting the bribe amount of Rs.4,50,000/- with his both hands at the 2nd floor of the tiles shop, the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna gave the pre-arranged signal to the Inspector, who is also in the 2nd floor of his shop, immediately the ACB officials surrounded Sri Kandregula Ramesh. The DSP asked the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna to wait at some distance. Accordingly he did so. Then as per the instructions of DSP, the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna proceeded to Tahsildar office, Chodavaram and waiting till he was called in to Tahsildar Office. The version of the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna was recorded by the mediators in the Mediators report-II (Post Trap Proceedings).

When the DSP questioned the Government Servant, he stated that he has been working as Tahsildar, Chodavaram since September 2018. He was enlisted in the Secretariat department on 09.04.1996 as Typist at Secretariat, AP, Hyderabad. He got promotion as Section Officer in the year 2013 and worked at AP Secretariat. After getting deputation as Tahsildar he worked at Atchutapuram from 16.01.17 to 30.08.2018, after that he was transferred to Chodavaram and worked as Tahsildar till date. He further stated that on the request of DSP, he got download the mutation applications applied by Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy for Survey Nos.

113-7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 23 with an extent of Ac.1.65 cents at Narsayyapeta village, Rayapuraju Peta, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam through his computer operator and on verification, it is found that the applicant has applied for mutation two times prior to his latest application dated 28.06.2021. On perusal of the applications, it was noticed that the applications were rejected without mentioning the reasons for rejection. Out of 3 applications, at present the third application is pending with him. When questioned by the DSP, about the reasons for rejection of previous applications, on that the Government Servant kept silent.

When the DSP questioned the Government Servant about the application filed by the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna for conversion of his land in Narsayyapeta village, the Government servant stated that the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna has submitted his application on 30.09.2020 and it was processed as per the procedure in vogue and submitted to the R.D.O., Anakapalli on 23.06.2021 for issuing proceedings. When questioned about abnormal delay in processing the said file, the Government Servant failed to give satisfactory explanation. When the DSP questioned the Government Servant with regard to directing his driver Sri Kandregula Ramesh to the tiles shop of the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna at Gandhigramam, Chodavaram for collection of the demanded bribe of Rs.4.5 lakhs from the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna, the Government Servant stated that on 01.07.2021 at about 12:36 hours he has received a phone call from the mobile of Sri S.V.Ramakrishna. Immediately he told him that he will send his driver Ramesh to the said Ramakrishna. Accordingly he has deputed his driver Sri K.Ramesh to the tiles shop of the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna. After reaching the tiles shop, his driver contacted him over phone. After some time at about 13:03 hours and 13:04 hours he received a phone call from the said Ramakrishna, who told him that he has paid Rs.4.5 lakhs to his driver Ramesh and he has orally acknowledged the same. When further questioned as to why he has demanded and accepted the bribe of Rs.4.5 lakhs through his driver, the Government Servant stated that the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna has voluntarily offered Rs.50,000/- for the conversion file already processed by him, but, he did not give any explanation with regard to the remaining Rs.4 lakhs received by his driver K.Ramesh.

When the DSP confronted the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna with the version of the Government Servant that the Government Servant did not demand bribe of Rs.4,50,000/- from him for mutation of his Ac.1.65 Cts of land of Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy and also conversion of his Ac.0.41 Cts of land, the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna voluntarily gave the money to him. On that the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna stated that the version of the Government Servant is not correct. The Government Servant demanded bribe of Rs.4,50,000/- from him for mutation of his Ac.1.65 Cts of land of Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy and also conversion of his Ac.0.41 Cts of land and accepted the same through his driver Sri Kandregula Ramesh on the day of trap i.e., on 01.07.2021.

The DSP examined the following witnesses who were present at the scene of offence at the time of trap and conducting post trap proceedings in the presence

of the mediators and the mediators incorporated their statements in detail in the post trap proceedings.

Witness No.1: Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna S/o Chandru Naidu, 50 years, Tiles business, R/o Gandhigramam, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam. He speaks about his statement against the Government Servant and Sri M.Raja, Dy.Tahsildar on 30.06.2021 submitted to the DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam Range and also speaks about the contents of Mediators Report-I & II dated 01.07.2021 to the extent of his participation, giving his statement U/s 164 Cr.P.C., recorded by the Junior Civil Judge cum 1st Addl Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Yelamanchili, Visakhapatnam district on 19.07.2021 and etc., facts.

Witness No.2: Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy S/o. (Late) Chinna Rao, 48 years, R/o. D.No.39-4-13, Sector-IV, Murali Nagar, Visakhapatnam. He stated that the bribe demand by Government Servant and Sri M.Raja, Dy.Tahsildar and on 01.07.2021, while further demand and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.4,50,000/- through Sri Kandregula Ramesh from the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna he was caught by ACB officials. His statement U/s 164 Cr.P.C., recorded by the Junior Civil Judge cum 1stAddl Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Yelamanchili, Visakhapatnam district on 10.08.2021 and etc., facts.

Witness No.3: Smt Medipalli Chaitanya Gowri, w/o Vinayaka Rao, Typist cum Computer operator, Out-sourcing, O/o Tahsildar, Chodavaram. She stated about the rejection of previous applications of Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy. Later she came to know about the driver of Tahsildar, Sri K. Ramesh was caught by the ACB officials on 01.07.2021, while he was counting the accepted bribe amount of Rs.4,50,000/- from Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna and etc., facts.

During course of investigation witness Nos. 4 to 17 were examined.

Witness No.4: Sri Silaparasetty Prabhu Kumar, S/o Venkata Rama Krishna, 23 years, Gavara, R/o D.No.5-13, Gandhigramam, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam. He stated about his presence at his father's tiles shop and visiting of Sri Kandregula Ramesh to tiles shop and accepted the bribe amount from his father, while counting the bribe amount Sri Kandregula Ramesh was caught red handed by the ACB officials. Further he speaks about the CCTV footages and seizure of hard disc containing CCTV footages.

Witness No.5: Sri Cheepurupalli Nageswara Rao, S/o (Late) Suribabu, 40 years, K.Velama, Salesman and system work in Butchi babu Traders, Gandhigramam, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam, R/o D.No.22-75, P.S.Peta, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam.

Witness No.6: Smt Koppaka Kumari, w/o late Santhiraju, 34 years, Kummari, Labour (Tiles cleaning), Butchibabu Traders, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam, R/o D.No.28, Opp. Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Narasayyapeta village, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District.

They speaks about their presence at Butchibabu Traders tiles shop and visiting of Sri Kandregula Ramesh to tiles shop and accepted the bribe amount from his

owner, while counting the bribe amount he was caught red handed by the ACB officials.

Witness No.7: Sri Jami Tata Rao, s/o (Late) Sansayya, 53 years, SC Mala, Village Talayari, Bhogapuram village, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District, R/o D.No.2-73, Bhogapuram village, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District. He speaks about Sri Ramesh, who is working as driver to Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar) and on 01.07.2021 at about 12:40 hours the said Ramesh took his motor cycle AP 31 EB 1812 SHINE SP, and caught red handed by ACB officials, while accepting bribe from the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna.

Witness No.8: Sri Takasi Lohit, S/o Venkata Rao, 26 years, Technician in KMS Solutions, Opp. Vinayaka Temple, KMS Solutions, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam. R/o D.No.6-74, Sakuru Street, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam. He speaks about his installation of CC Cameras in the Tiles shop of complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna and his copying of Hard Disc data dt 01.07.2021 to pen drive and handing over the pen drive and hard disc to ACB officials and etc.

Witness No.9: Sri Mittapati Bhaskara Rao, S/o (Late) Appala Konda, 52 years, SC Mala, VRO, Rayapurajupeta, Chodavaram Mandal, R/o Vetajangalapalem (v), Anakapalli Mandal.

Witness No.10: Sri Bollam Parvathamma, w/o Terapalli Satyanarayana, 44 years, SC Mala, VRO, Narasayyapeta Village, Chodavaram Mandal, R/o Jampalem village, Turaangalapalem (P), Yelamanchili Mandal.

Witness No.11: Sri Mudunuru Talupuleswara Rao, S/o (Late) Lakshminarasimha Murthy, 47 years, Brahmin, Mandal Revenue Inspector-II, Chodavaram, R/o L.N.Nagar, near Bellam Market, Anakapalle, N/o Vakalapadu village, S.Rayavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District.

Witness No.12: Sri Vajrapu Surya Prakasha Rao, s/o Krishyna Murthy, 57 years, Vysya, Mandal Surveyor, O/o the Tahsildar, Chodavaram, R/o Yedlaveedhi, near Ramalayam, Chodavaram, N/o Garbham village, Merakamudidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District.

Witness No.13: Sri Chintada Rambabu, S/o Pinnam Naidu, 44 years, Mandal Revenue Inspector –I, Chodavaram Mandal, r/o Modamambanagar, Near Old Bus stand, Paderu, N/o Malakapolam village, Vantlamamidi Panchayat, Paderu (M), Visakhapatnam District.

They speak about that they came know about the trap and the Government Servant and D.T. M.Raja were caught by ACB officials while accepting bribe of Rs.4,50,000/- from Silaparasetti Venkata Rama Krishna through K.Ramesh Driver of Tahsildar and etc., facts.

Witness No.14: Sri Dhanyamraju Adithya S/o Seetharamu, 21 years, Volunteer, Sachivalayam, Chodavaram R/o D.No.21-25, Brahmin Street, P.S.Peta, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam District. He speaks about that he is working at Deputy Tahsildar, Chodavaram as a computer operator. On 30.07.2020 evening as per the

instructions of the Government Servant he downloaded the application of Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy and hand over the same to the Government Servant and he came to know about the trap and etc., facts.

Witness No.15: Sri J.Seetha Ramarao, M.Sc, Revenue Divisional Officer, Anakapalli, Visakhapatnam District. He speaks about the procedure for mutation and informed that in this instant case, the Government Servant has rejected the earlier mutation applications of Sri Joga Ramana Murthy without any reasons and he could not process the applications within stipulated time of 30 days. He also stated that the Government Servant and Dy. Tahsildar Sri M.Raja processed the land conversion file of complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna. On 01.07.2021 he came know about the trap against the Government Servant and DT, Chodavaram and etc., facts.

Witness No.16: Sri Sekharamanthri Venkata Rama Krishna Patnaik, S/o Late Narayana Rao, Age 43 years, Occupation Panchayat Secretary, Gavaravaram Panchayat, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam, R/o D.No.7-29, Lakshmidevipeta, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam, N/o Near Govt. High School, Vepagunta Junction, Visakhapatnam.

Witness No.17: Sri Jonnada Atchutha Venkata Gangadhar, S/o (Late) Demudu, Age 40 years, Occupation:-Panchayat Secretary, Venkannapalem, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam, R/o D.No. 18-804, Balaji Nagar, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam District.

They speaks that they are the mediators and speaks about the contents of Mediators Report, dt.08.07.2021 drafted at the Tiles shop of the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna, Chodavaram and seizure of CCTV footages hard disc etc facts.

Hence the charge against the Government Servant that he demanded and accepted a bribe amount of Rs.4,50,000/- through his private driver Sri Kandregula Ramesh (A-3), from the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna for showing official favour is held substantiated.

ARTICLE OF CHARGE –II

That the Government Servant, Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District failed to perform his legitimate official duties in processing the web-land mutation applications dtd.08.10.2020 & 01.05.2021 applied by Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy. The Government Servant did process the above mutation application and simply rejected the above applications without remarks. On verification of 3rd application dated 28.06.2021 applied by Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy, the Government Servant still kept pending the above application without any process till the day of trap.

Facts in Evidence:-

During the course of post-trap proceedings conducted in the O/o Tahsildar, Chodavaram on 01.07.2021, the DSP seized the following documents.

1) **Original rejected mutation file of 1.65 acres land in Sy. Nos.113 of Narsapuram village applied by Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy vide application No.RMU012106655667, dated 01.05.2021 containing 1 to 23 sheets:**

   This file containing copy of Mutation and title deed cum e-seva passbook receipt, dt. 01.05.2021, original application of J.V.Ramana Murthy vide RMU012106655667, Copy of Adhar card of J.V.Ramana Murthy, Doc. No.389/2019 of SRO Sabbavaram, Doc.No.1573/2007 of SRO Madugula, Doc.No.1574/2007 of SRO Chodavaram. On perusal of the file, no reasons were mentioned for rejection of the file.

2) **Down loaded copies of mutation file of 1.65 acres land in Sy. Nos.113 of Narsapuram village previously applied by Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy Dated:28.06.2021, 01.05.2021, 8.10.2020 containing 1 to 11 sheets.**

   On perusal of the files dated 01.05.2021 and 8.10.2020, no reasons were mentioned for rejection of the files. With regard to filed dated 28.06.2021, draft and form-8 notice were not generated.

3) **Mutation & F-8 generated register for the year 2020**:

   This register was maintained from 11.01.2020 to 6.11.2020. On verification, the application of Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy was entered on 8.10.2020 at Sl.No.128, 129, 130.

4) **Mutation & F-8 generated register for the year 2021**:

   This register was maintained from 01.01.2021 to 31.5.2021. On verification it is found that there are no entries from 1.5.2021 to 4.5.2021. The details of mutation application of Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy dated 1.5.2021 was not entered in this register. This register is not maintained up to date.

   The DSP seized the above Registers for the purpose of further investigation after duly signed by the Mediators and the DSP.

   During the course of investigation, following witnesses were secured, examined and recorded their detailed statements.

Witness No.1: Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna S/o Chandru Naidu, 50 years, Tiles business, R/o Gandhigramam, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam. He speaks about his statement against Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar and Sri Madabattula Raja, Deputy Tahsildar on 30.06.2021 submitted to the DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam Range and also speaks about the contents of Mediators Report-I & II dated 01.07.2021 to the extent of his participation, giving his statement U/s 164 Cr.P.C., recorded by the Junior Civil Judge cum 1stAddl Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Yelamanchili, Visakhapatnam district on 19.07.2021 and etc., facts.

Witness No.2: Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy S/o. (Late) Chinna Rao, 48 Yrs., R/o. D.No.39-4-13, Sector-IV, Murali Nagar, Visakhapatnam. He stated about the bribe demand by Government Servant and Sri Madabattula Raja, Deputy Tahsildar and on 01.07.2021, while further demand and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.4,50,000/- through Sri Kandregula Ramesh from the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna he was caught by ACB officials, his statement U/s 164 Cr.P.C. recorded by the Junior Civil Judge cum 1st Addl Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Yelamanchili, Visakhapatnam District on 10.08.2021 and etc., facts.

Witness No.3: Sri Medipalli Chaitanya Gowri, W/o Vinayaka Rao, Typist cum Computer operator, Out-sourcing, O/o Tahsildar, Chodavaram. She stated about the rejection of previous applications of Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy. Later she came to know about the driver of Tahsildar, Sri K. Ramesh was caught by the ACB officials on 01.07.2021, while he was counting the accepted bribe amount of Rs.4,50,000/- from Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna and etc., facts.

Witness No.4: Sri J.Seetha Ramarao, M.Sc, Revenue Divisional Officer, Anakapalli, Visakhapatnam District. He speaks about the procedure for mutation and informed that in this instant case, the Government Servant has rejected the earlier mutation applications of Sri Joga Ramana Murthy without any reasons and he could not process the applications within stipulated time of 30 days.

Witness No.5: Kum. Karri Jayasri, D/o. Sri Sankar Rao, 27 yrs, Digital Assistant., Sachivalayam Employee, Sabbavaram Secretariat, R/o. D.No.21-83/1, Kakani Nagar, NAD, Visakhapatnam. She stated the application dtd.01.05.2021 applied by Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy for online mutation vide application no. RMU012106655667 of his land and she came to know that the said application was rejected by the Government Servant without any remarks. Later on 28.06.2021 again, the said Joga Venkata Ramana murthy came to the Sachivalayam and applied for mutation vide application No.RMU012106944155.

Witness No.6: Sri Bodanki Krishna Murthy, S/o. Sri Appala Naidu, 40 yrs, Mee-seva Operator, Chodavaram, R/o. D.No.22-86, P.S Peta, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam: He stated that on 08.10.2020 Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy has applied online for mutation of his land vide application no. RMU012005406244, RMU012005406042 and RMU012005405848. Later the said applications were rejected by the Government Servant.

Hence the charge against the Government servant in abuse of his official position failed to perform his legitimate official duties in processing the web-land applications and thereby rejected the mutation applications dtd.08.10.2020 & 01.05.2021 of Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy without any verification and reasons is held substantiated.

Thus the Government Servant, Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar S/o (Late) Anantha Reddy, 50 Years, Tahsildar, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam District by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Government servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby contravened Rule 3 (1) & 3 (2) of AP Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, the Government servant Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar S/o (Late) Anantha Reddy, 50 Years, Tahsildar, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam District rendered himself for regular departmental enquiry for major penalty under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

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ANNEXURE –III

CHARGE-I:

ORAL EVIDENCE: The following oral evidence is available on record.

1) **Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna S/o Chandru Naidu, 50 years, Tiles business, R/o Gandhigramam, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam. (Complainant).**

He speaks about his statement against the Government Servant and Sri Madabattula Raja, Deputy Tahsildar on 30.06.2021 submitted to the DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam Range and also speaks about the contents of Mediators Report-I & II dated 01.07.2021 to the extent of his participation, giving his statement U/s 164 Cr.P.C., recorded by the Junior Civil Judge cum 1stAddl Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Yelamanchili, Visakhapatnam District on 19.07.2021 and etc., facts.

2) **Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy S/o. (Late) Chinna Rao, 48 Yrs., R/o. D.No.39-4-13, Sector-IV, Murali Nagar, Visakhapatnam.**

He speaks that the bribe demand by Government Servant and Sri Madabattula Raja, Deputy Tahsildar and on 01.07.2021, while further demand and accepted the bribe amount of Rs 4,50,000/- through Sri Kandregula Ramesh from the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna he was caught by ACB officials, giving his statement U/s 164 Cr.P.C., recorded by the Junior Civil Judge cum 1st Addl Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Yelamanchili, Visakhapatnam district on 10.08.2021 and etc., facts.

3) **Sri Medipalli Chaitanya Gowri, W/o Vinayaka Rao, Typist cum Computer operator, Out-sourcing, O/o Tahsildar, Chodavaram.**

She speaks about the rejection of previous applications of Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy by the Government Servant. Later she came to know about the driver of Tahsildar, Sri K. Ramesh was caught by the ACB officials on 01.07.2021, while he was counting the accepted bribe amount of Rs 4,50,000/- from Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna and etc., facts.

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He speaks about his presence at his father's tiles shop and visiting of Sri Kandregula Ramesh to tiles shop and accepted the bribe amount from his father, while counting the bribe amount Sri Kandregula Ramesh was caught red handed by the ACB officials. Further he speaks about the CCTV footages and seizure of hard disc containing CCTV footages.

5) **Sri Cheepurupalli Nageswara Rao, s/o (Late) Suribabu, 40 years, K.Velama, Salesman and system work in Butchibabu Traders,**

Gandhigramam, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam, R/o D.No.22-75, P.S.Peta, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam.

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They speaks about their presence at Butchibabu Traders tiles shop and visiting of Kandregula Ramesh to tiles shop and accepted the bribe amount from his owner, while counting the bribe amount Sri Kandregula Ramesh was caught red handed by the ACB officials.

7) **Sri Jami Tata Rao, s/o (Late) Sansayya, 53 years, SC Mala, Village Talayari, Bhogapuram village, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District, R/o D.No.2-73, Bhogapuram village, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District.**

He speaks about Sri Ramesh, who is working as driver to the Government Servant and on 01.07.2021 at about 12.40 hours said Ramesh took his motor cycle AP 31 EB 1812 SHINE SP, and caught red handed by ACB officials, while accepting bribe from the complainant.

8) **Sri Takasi Lohit, s/o Venkata Rao, 26 years, Technician in KMS Solutions, Opp. Vinayaka Temple, KMS Solutions, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam. R/o D.No.6-74, Sakuru Street, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam.**

He speaks about his installation of CC Cameras in the Tiles shop of complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna and his copying of Hard Disc data dtd 01.07.2021 to pen drive and handing over the pen drive and hard disc to ACB officials and etc.

9) **Sri Balireddy Nageswara Rao, s/o Satyanarayana, 31 years, Kapu, Vice-Sarpanch, Damunapalli village, Chodavaram Mandal.**

He speaks about his visiting to Tahsildar Office, Chodavaram and he never gave money to the Government Servant and he don't know why the Government Servant used his name as he gave money of Rs 30,000/- to the Government Servant.

10) **Sri Mittapati Bhaskara Rao, s/o late Appala Konda, 52 years, sc Mala, VRO, Rayapurajupeta, Chodavaram Mandal, R/o Vetajangalapalem (v), Anakapalli Mandal.**

11) **Sri Bollam Parvathamma, w/o Terapalli Satyanarayana, 44 years, SC Mala, VRO, Narasayyapeta village, Chodavaram Mandal. R/o Jampalem village, Turaangalapalem (P), Yelamanchili Mandal.**

12) **Sri Mudunuru Talupuleswara Rao, s/o late Lakshminarasimha Murthy, 47 years, Brahmin, Mandal Revenue Inspector-II, Chodavaram, R/O**

L.N.Nagar, near Bellam Market, Anakapalle, n/o Vakalapadu village, S.Rayavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam District.

13) **Sri Vajrapu Surya Prakasha Rao, s/o Krishyna Murthy, 57 years, Vysya, Mandal Surveyor, o/o Tahsildar, Chodavaram, r/o Yedlaveedhi, near Ramalayam, Chodavaram, N/o Garbham village, Merakamudidam Mandal, Vizianagaram District.**

14) **Sri Chintada Rambabu, s/o Pinnam Naidu, 44 years, S.T. Bhagatha, Mandal Revenue Inspector –I, Chodavaram Mandal, r/o Modamamba nagar, Near Old Bus stand, Paderu, N/o Malakapolam village, Vantlamamidi Panchayat, Paderu (M), Visakhapatnam District.**

They speak about they came know about the trap and the Government Servant and D.T. M.Raja were caught by ACB officials while accepting bribe of Rs.4,50,000/- from Silaparasetti Venkata Rama Krishna through K.Ramesh Driver of the Government Servant and etc., facts.

15) **Sri Dhamyamraju Adithya S/o Seetharamu, 21yrs, Volunteer, Sachivalayam, Chodavaram R/o D.No.21-25, Brahmin Street, P.S.Peta, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam District.**

He speaks about that he is working at Deputy Tahsildar, Chodavaram as a computer operator. On 30.07.2020 evening as per the instructions of the Government Servant he downloaded the application of Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy and hand over the same to the Government Servant and he came to know about the trap etc facts.

16) **Sri J.Seetha Ramarao, M.Sc, Revenue Divisional Officer, Anakapalli, Visakhapatnam District.**

He speaks about the procedure for mutation and informed that in this instant case, the Government Servant has rejected the earlier mutation applications of Sri Joga Ramana Murthy without any reasons and he could not process the applications within stipulated time of 30 days. He also stated that the Government Servant and Dy. Tahsildar Sri M.Raja processed the land conversion file of the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna. On 01.07.2021 he came know about the trap against the Government Servant and DT, Chodavaram etc., facts.

17) **Sri Sekharamanthri Venkata Rama Krishna Patnaik, S/o Late Narayana Rao, Age 43 years, Occupation Panchayat Secretary, Gavaravaram Panchayat, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam, R/o D.No. 7-29, Lakshmidevipeta, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam, N/o Near Govt High School, Vepagunta Junction, Visakhapatnam.**

18) **Sri Jonnada Atchutha Venkata Gangadhar, S/o (Late) Demudu, Age 40 years, Occupation:-Panchayat Secretary, Venkannapalem, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam, R/o D.No.18-804, Balaji Nagar, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam District.**

They speaks that they are the mediators and speaks about the contents of Mediators Report, dt.08.07.2021 drafted at the Tiles shop of the complainant, Chodavaram and seizure of CCTV footages hard disc etc facts.

19) **Sri Dadisetti Ramesh Kumar, S/o Late Satyam, Age 53 years, Head Master, ZPHS, J.Naidu Palem, Rolugunta Mandal, Visakhapatnam, R/o D.No.1-76, Near Flower Market, Dodla Dairy Building, Anandapuram, Visakhapatnam.**

20) **Sri Ganagalla Garagayya, S/o Tavitayya, Age 45 years, S.G.T (Secondary Grade Teacher), MPPS, Mettapalem, Anakapalli Mandal, Visakhapatnam, R/o D.No.1-29-12, Sivalayam Backside, Adarshnagar, Pedawaltair, Visakhapatnam.**

They speaks that they are the mediators and speaks about the contents of Mediators Report-I & II, dt.01.07.2021 drafted at the O/o DSP ACB, Visakhapatnam and at the O/o Tahsildar, Chodavaram etc. facts.

21) **Sri P.Ramachandra Rao, Dy.Supdt of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam Range.**

22) **Sri Sk.Gafoor, Inspector, ACB, Visakhapatnam Range.**

23) **Sri P.Srinivasa Rao, Inspector, ACB, Visakhapatnam Range.**

24) **Any other witnesses to be mentioned at the time of enquiry.**

CHARGE – 2:

Witness No.1: Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna S/o Chandru Naidu, 50 years, Tiles business, R/o Gandhigramam, Chodavaram, Visakhapatnam.

He speaks about his statement against Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar and Sri Madabattula Raja, Deputy Tahsildar on 30.06.2021 submitted to the DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam Range and etc., facts.

Witness No.2: Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy S/o. (Late) Chinna Rao, 48 yrs., R/o. D.No.39-4-13, Sector-IV, Murali Nagar, Visakhapatnam.

He stated that the Government Servant and Sri Madabattula Raja, Deputy Tahsildar have rejected his earlier applications and giving his statement and etc., facts.

Witness No.3: Sri Medipalli Chaitanya Gowri, w/o Vinayaka Rao, Typist cum Computer operator, Out-sourcing, O/o Tahsildar, Chodavaram.

She stated about the rejection of previous applications of Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy and etc., facts.

Witness No.4: Sri J.Seetha Ramarao, M.Sc, Revenue Divisional Officer, Anakapalli, Visakhapatnam District.

He speaks about the procedure for mutation and informed that in this instant case, the Government Servant has rejected the earlier mutation

applications of Sri Joga Ramana Murthy without any reasons and he could not process the applications within stipulated time of 30 days.

Witness No.5 :Kum. Karri Jayasri, D/o. Sri Sankara Rao, 27 yrs, Digital Asst., Sachivalayam Employee, Sabbavaram Secretariat, R/o. D.No.21-83/1, Kakani Nagar, NAD, Visakhapatnam.

She stated the application dtd.01.05.2021 applied by Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy for online mutation vide application No.RMU012106655667 of his land and she came to know that the said application was rejected by the Government Servant without any remarks. Later on 28.06.2021 again, the said Joga Venkata Ramanamurthy came to the Sachivalayam and applied for mutation vide application No.RMU012106944155.

Witness No.6 :Sri Bodanki Krishna Murthy, S/o. Sri Appala Naidu, 40 yrs, Meeseva Operator, Chodavaram, R/o. D.No.22-86, P.S.Peta, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam.

He stated that on 08.10.2020 Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy has applied online for mutation of his land vide application no. RMU012005406244, RMU012005406042 and RMU012005405848. Later the said applications were rejected by the Government Servant.

Witness No.7: Sri Dadisetti Ramesh Kumar, S/o Late Satyam, Age 53 years, Head Master, ZPHS, J.Naidu Palem, Rolugunta Mandal, Visakhapatnam, R/o D.No.1-76, Near Flower Market, Dodla Dairy Building, Anandapuram, Visakhapatnam.

Witness No.8: Sri Ganagalla Garagayya, S/o Tavitayya, Age 45 years, S.G.T (Secondary Grade Teacher), MPPS, Mettapalem, Anakapalli Mandal, Visakhapatnam, R/o D.No.1-29-12, Sivalayam Back side, Adarshnagar, Pedawaltair, Visakhapatnam.

They speaks that they are the mediators and speaks about the contents of Mediators Report-I & II, dt.01.07.2021 drafted at the O/o DSP ACB, Visakhapatnam and at the O/o Tahsildar, Chodavaram etc., facts.

7) **Sri P.Ramachandra Rao, Dy. Supdt of Police, ACB, Visakhapatnam Range.**

8) **Sri Sk.Gafoor, Inspector, ACB, Visakhapatnam Range.**

9) **Sri P.Srinivasa Rao, Inspector, ACB, Visakhapatnam Range.**

10) **Any other witnesses to be mentioned at the time of enquiry.**

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ANNEXURE – IV

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE

CHARGE-1:

Following is the documentary evidence available to substantiate the allegation.

1) Statement dt.30.06.2021 given by the complainant:

It reveals about the facts of the demand of bribe amount of Rs.4,50,000/- by the Government Servant and Sri Madabattula Raja, Deputy Tahsildar for doing official favour to complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna i.e., mutation, title deed and issuance of e-pattadar passbook in respect of land to an extent of Ac.1.65 cents in Sy.No.113, at Rayapurajupeta village, Chodavaram Mandal belongs to Sri Joga Ramana Murthy of Visakhapatnam and as undue motive for already processed file of complainant with regard to conversion of agriculture land in an extent of Ac.0.41 cents in S.No.354-2A of Narsayyapeta Village, Chodavaram Mandal.

2) F.I.R. in Cr.No.07/RCT-VSP/2021, dt.01.07.2021.

It reveals that a statement was recorded from the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna with regard to demand of bribe and registration of the case against the Government Servant and Sri Madabattula Raja, Deputy Tahsildar.

3) Mediators Report-I:- It reveals the pre-trap happenings dt.01.07.2021 drafted at the O/o DSP ACB, Visakhapatnam.

4) Mediators Report-II:- It reveals the post trap happenings, dtd.01.07.2021 drafted at the O/o Tahsildar, Chodavaram Mandal, Visakhapatnam etc., facts.

5) Mediators Report, dtd.08.07.2021 drafted at the shop of Complainant:

It reveals that verification of CCTV footages and found that the A-3 Sri Kandregula Ramesh, Private Driver to Tahsildar, Chodavaram visited the tiles and collected the bribe amount from the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna and seizure of CCTV footages hard disc etc., facts.

6) A made up file containing Copy of mutation file of 1.65 acres land in Sy. Nos.113 of Narsapuram village applied by Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy vide application No.RMU012106944155, dated 28.06.2021 containing 1 to 23 sheets.

This is the official favour file, and it was secured on the date of trap during post trap proceedings. It was secured from A.O through computer operator who gave this file to the ACB. It reveals that official favour pending at the A.O.

7) Original rejected mutation file of 1.65 acres land in Sy. Nos.113 of Narsapuram village applied by Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy vide application No.RMU012106655667, dated 01.05.2021 containing 1 to 23 sheets.

This file is containing copy of Mutation and title deed cum e-seva passbook receipt, dt.01.05.2021, original application of J.V.Ramana Murthy vide RMU012106655667, Copy of Adhar card of J.V.Ramanamurthy, Doc. No.389/2019 of SRO Sabbavaram, Doc.No.1573/2007 of SRO Madugula, Doc.No.1574/2007 of SRO Chodavaram. It reveals that the Tahsildar simply rejected the above application without any remarks on the file.

8) Down loaded copies of mutation file of 1.65 acres land in Sy.Nos.113 of Narsapuram village previously applied by Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy Dated: 28.06.2021, 01.05.2021, 8.10.2020 containing 1 to 11 sheets.

On perusal of the files dated 01.05.2021 and 08.10.2020, no reasons were mentioned for rejection of the files. With regard to filed dated 28.06.2021, draft and form-8 notice were not generated. It reveals that the Tahsildar simply rejected the above application without any remarks on the file.

9) Original file in respect of Ac.0.41 Cts land for conversion of Agricultural land to non-agricultural land applied by Sri S.Venkata Ramakrishna containing 1 to 32 sheets.

This file reveals that the Government Servantand Sri Madabattula Raja, Deputy Tahsildar were processed the file of complainant with regard to conversion of Agricultural land to non-agricultural land applied by the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna Sri S.Venkata Ramakrishna. It reveals that Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar and Sri Madabattula Raja, Deputy Tahsildar demands bribe as a reward from the complainant.

10) Mutation & F-8 generated register for the year 2020:

This register was maintained from 11.01.2020 to 06.11.2020. On verification, the application of Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy was entered on 08.10.2020 at Sl.No.128, 129, 130.

11) Mutation & F-8 generated register for the year 2021:

This register was maintained from 01.01.2021 to 31.05.2021. On verification it is found that there are no entries from 01.05.2021 to 04.05.2021. The details of mutation application of Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy dated 01.05.2021 and 28.06.2021 were not entered in this register. This register is not maintained up to date.

12) Reply letter of Revenue Divisional Officer, Anakapalli vide his Proceedings RC.No.982/2020/N/dt. 09 .07.2021.

It reveals the vehicle details and name of driver of Sri Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar, Chodavaram and RDO, Anakapalli informed that the driver name as Sri K.Ramesh etc., facts.

13) Letter R.c.No.982/2020/N, dtd.09.07.2021 of RTO, Visakhapatnam:

It reveals that Jami Tata Rao of Bhogapuram village is owner of the motor cycle bearing No AP 31 EB 1812 which was used by Sri Kandregula Ramesh on the day of trap.

14) Letter No.50/2021 dtd.14.07.2021 of Joint SRO, Sabbavaram:

It reveals that Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy having land at Narsapuram village, Chodavaram Mandal vide Doc.No.389/2019 of SRO, Sabbavaram.

15) Letter Rc.No.596/2021/A1, dtd.20.07.2021 of District Collector, Visakhapatnam:

It reveals the service particulars and Job Chart of Accused Officers- 1 and 2.

16) Letter Rc. No. 894/2021/N/Dt 09.07.2021, 04.09.2021 & 08.09.2021 of Revenue Divisional Officer, Anakapalli, Visakhapatnam District:

It reveals that particulars of driver to Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar, procedure about land mutation & conversion and violations committed by Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar and Sri Madabattula Raja, Deputy Tahsildar.

17) Statement of the complainant and Sri Joga Venkata Ramana Murthy recorded U/s 164 Cr.P.C:

It reveals about the facts of the statement to DSP ACB, demand made by the Tahsildar and Deputy Tahsildar, participation in pre and post trap proceedings, recording of their statement by the Hon'ble Addl. Junior Civil Judge cum Addl. Judicial Magistrate of First Class, Yelamanchali, Visakhapatnam District on 19.07.2021 & 10.08.2021.

18) Certificate U/s 65 B of I.E Act for the copied CCTV footages in a 32 GB Sandisk pen drive obtained from the shop owner Sri S. Butchi Babu:

It reveals that he copied the CCTV footages into a 32 GB Sandisk pen drive and gave to ACB officials which were recorded on the day of trap with the assistance of technician etc.

19) Certificate u/s 65 B of I.E Act for the CDRs and CAFs obtained from the Service Provider (JIO):

It reveals that Phone conversation taken place between complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna and Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar on the particular date on 01.07.2021 and also ownership of SIM Card used by Sri

Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar and Complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna. Following is the call details Between Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar (7981752754) and the complainant Sri Silaparasetty Venkata Rama Krishna (95814401303) and Sri Kandregula Ramesh (8639461298).

20) Any other documents required to be mentioned at the time of enquiry.

CHARGE-2:

Following is the documentary evidence available to substantiate the allegation.

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It reveals procedure about land mutation and violations committed by Sri Bommareddy Ravi Kumar, Tahsildar.

12) Any other documents required to be mentioned at the time of enquiry.

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